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and then find again the same
palace
gardens, the flowers, the
Queen, the
long days made of sighs and
small
favours ! No, a thousand
times, no;
She has come to make me
captive,
to take me as her trophy from
-the
war-field into her palace
hall. She
may as well try to capture
the
thunderstorms.

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General

Yes, Sire, it is our own
Queen who
wants to see you. It breaks
my heart
that I cannot allow her to
come
freely into your presence.

King

This is neither the time,
nor the
place, to see a woman.

General

But, Sire.

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